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Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 1, 2004 of the rejection of Claims 1 to 21 as presented in the Preliminary Amendment of June 22, 2004, please consider the following remarks, and amend the above identified application as follows:

- **Previous Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.